

Amendment 7
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(This amendment makes various transit related amendments in Chapter 7, removes specific references and substitutes generic descriptions, adds new implementing actions, describes the benefit of transportation options, adds a reference to reversible lanes, deletes methods of addressing highway issues, and directs that certain modes of transportation be made attractive and viable.)

1 In Exhibit A, the General Plan for Howard County:

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3 On page 83, after “County Context”, in the fifth sentence, strike “is restricted” and
4 substitute “are inadequate”.

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6 On page 84, in the second paragraph under “Existing Transportation System”, strike the
7 last sentence that begins “Based on regional trends” and substitute the following:

8 “Based on the BMC travel model, in 2008, the baseline year for the model, over
9 94% of person trips were by automobile, with the balance of trips completed by
10 transit, walking and cycling; based on current projected future land use and
11 forecasted funding for transportation projects, the mode shares are not currently
12 projected to change significantly by 2035. As new and revised land use,
13 transportation plans, and funding are developed, the impacts will be reflected in
14 the travel model and are expected to reduce automobile trips. Plan Howard 2030
15 aims to promote a better balance among all of the County’s transportation
16 options.”.

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18 On page 86, strike Implementing Action “a” in its entirety and substitute:

1 “a. **Green website.** Update the County’s website that is devoted to providing
2 information to consumers designed to help make Howard County greener,
3 healthier, and sustainable, to address transportation’s role in achieving a
4 healthy community. Include emissions calculators and other tools
5 residents can use to measure greenhouse gas savings, map walking or
6 biking distances, organize ridesharing, and access car sharing.”

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8 On page 87, in Policy 7.1, strike Implementing Action “c” and substitute:

9 “c. **Safe Routes.** Expand, support and promote programs, such as the Safe
10 Routes to School Program, that will enable communities to make walking
11 and bicycling to school a safe and routine activity.”.

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13 On page 91, in Policy 7.3, after “network” insert “to support future growth in accordance
14 with place type designations.”.

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16 Also on page 91, in Policy 7.3, insert a new Implementing Action “c”:

17 “c. **Targeted, Strategic Investments.** Evaluate new and innovative approaches
18 to maximize the use of highway investments such as High Occupancy
19 Vehicle (HOV) lanes and/or express toll lanes, focus road improvements
20 to support existing communities and future growth areas, and limit rural
21 road improvements to safety, rather than capacity improvements.”

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23 On page 93, in Policy 7.4, after “existing” insert “**and future**”.

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25 On page 94, in Policy 7.4,:

- 26 1. In Implementing Action “b”, strike “Efficiency and Route Alignment” and
27 substitute “**Howard Transit**”;
- 28 2. Strike Implementing Action “c” and substitute:

1 “c. **Regional Transit.** Expand and maximize the efficiency, investment
2 and connectivity of mid-corridor regional transit with Anne
3 Arundel County, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, Prince
4 George’s County, the City of Laurel, and Fort Meade, as well as
5 connectivity with Baltimore and Washington regional transit
6 service.”.

7 3. Renumber Implementing Action “d” to be “e”; and

8 4. Insert new Implementing Action “d”:

9 “d. **Multijurisdictional agencies.** Evaluate potential and, if
10 advantageous, establish a new multijurisdictional agency for the
11 administration and operation of public transportation services that would
12 improve the efficiency and effectiveness of regional transit services,
13 improving connectivity and coordination among public and private
14 providers and maximizing the use of federal, state and local funding.”

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16 On page 94, in Policy 7.5, strike “**the BMC’s Regional Transit Study**” and substitute
17 “**regional studies**”.
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19 Also on page 94, in Policy 7.5, strike Implementing Action “e” and substitute:

20 “e. **Downtown Columbia.** Work with the Downtown Columbia Partnership to
21 develop the Downtown Columbia Transportation Demand Management
22 Plan, multimodal transit facility and circulator.”.
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24 Also on page 94, under Policy 7.5, add a new Implementing Action:

25 “f. **Baltimore Metropolitan Council.** Cooperate with the Baltimore
26 Metropolitan Council (BMC) to develop a new regional transit study.”.
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28 Also on page 94, strike the last three lines of text on the page and substitute:

29 “Transportation options are an important aspect of community development.
30 Being able to make transportation choices means that for any particular trip, a

1 person would have many viable and attractive transportation options from which
2 to".

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4 In the second paragraph on page 96, after "HOV Lanes," insert "Reversible Lanes,".

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6 On page 95, in Policy 7.6:

7 1. In Implementing Action "f", before "needs" insert "infrastructure";

8 2. Renumber Implementing Action "b" to be "e";

9 3. Renumber Implementing Action "c" to be "b";

10 4. Renumber Implementing Action "e" to be "f"; and

11 5. Renumber Implementing Action "f" to be "c".

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13 On page 96, Strike the page heading "TDM" and substitute "Transportation Demand
14 Management".

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16 Also on page 96, in Policy 7.7, strike beginning with "through" down through and
17 including "technologies".

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19 Also on page 96, in Policy 7.7:

20 1. In Implementing Action "b", after "develop" insert "the Downtown
21 Columbia Transportation Demand Management Plan as well as";

22 2. In Implementing Action "d", strike "Broadband Connections" and
23 substitute "Innovative Technologies"; and

24 3. add a new Implementing Action:

25 "e. **Alternative Modes of Transportation.** Make pedestrian, bicycle,
26 and transit modes of transportation attractive and viable options.".

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28 On page 97, in Figure 7-3,

1 1. For the penultimate item with project number “P-101” and with the title
2 “Transit Stops”, insert a “√” in the column entitled “2010-2025” and a “√”
3 in the column entitled “Post 2025”; and

4 2. Below the figure insert:

5 “Source: 2011 Long-Range Transportation Plan, Baltimore Metropolitan Council
6 (updated every four years)”.

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8 On page 98, in Figure 7-4, below the figure insert:

9 “Source: 2011 Long-Range Transportation Plan, Baltimore Metropolitan Council
10 (updated every four years)”.

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12 On page 170 and 171, make the corresponding changes to Appendix A. Mark policies
13 7.3 c, 7.4 c and d, 7.5 e, and 7.7 e as “On-going”. Mark policy 7.5 f as “Short” and
14 “Mid”.

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